

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
MARCH 22, 2005**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner David Seger, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. City Engineer Chad Hurm and Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2005. A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** carried 3-0.

POLICE VEHICLE

Police Chief Richard Gunselman reported that he had sought four quotes for a police car package, but he had been informed by Bob Luegers Motors, Inc. and Sternberg Chrysler Center that they do not have police car packages at the present time.

City Attorney Hemmerlein opened and publicly read two sealed quotes for a police car package. The quotes were as follows:

NAME	ITEM	PRICE
Uebelhor & Sons	2005 Chev. Impala	\$26,030.00
	Less dealer discounts	\$ 7,100.00
	Less '95 Chev. Caprice	\$ <u>1,700.00</u>
	Net price	\$17,230.00
Ruxer Ford	2005 Ford Crown Vic.	\$20,211.00
	Less '95 Chev. Caprice	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>
	Net price	\$19,211.00

Police Chief Gunselman said he would review the specifications and make a recommendation later at this meeting.

Later in the meeting, Police Chief Richard Gunselman reported that he had reviewed the specifications on the two quotes for a police car, which were opened earlier in the meeting, and recommended accepting the low quote from Uebelhor & Sons for \$17,230.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to accept the low quote of \$17,230 for a 2005 Chevrolet Impala from Uebelhor & Sons with trade-in. **Motion** passed 3-0.

DUBOIS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY DOG WALK

Stacy Patton, representing the Dubois County Humane Society, requested permission to hold the annual Dog Walk at the Buehler Plaza and Riverwalk on Saturday, October 15, 2005. She explained that the actual walk would take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but requested a little extra time prior to that for setting up. She stated that rules for the walk stipulate that all participating dogs must be kept under control and would be checked to ensure they have up-to-date vaccinations. She also asserted that participants would sign a waiver to protect the City of Jasper and clean up any messes from the Walk. In addition, Ms. Patton stated that a DJ would be playing music in the Gazebo.

There followed some discussion. Personnel/Safety Director Charlie Schneider said that a Certificate of Insurance must be provided and Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang reported that new legislation might require the Humane Society to obtain an entertainment permit from the State Fire Marshall's Office.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to the Dubois County Humane Society to hold their annual Dog Walk at Buehler Plaza and Riverwalk on Saturday, October 15, 2005 from approximately 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on condition the City's insurance requirements are met and this motion serves as notification to the Humane Society to check with the State Fire Marshall regarding a new law that may require an entertainment permit. **Motion** passed 3-0.

MILL STREET EXTENSION WETLAND MITIGATION PLAN

Norman Wendholt, Dubois County Highway Engineer, reported that the Dubois County Commissioners had awarded the Mill Street Extension Wetland Mitigation Plan project to Knies Construction, Inc., and asked for concurrence from the Board of Public Works and Safety. He stated that the Knies bid was \$319,502.12, which was below engineer's estimate. Mayor Schmitt read a letter from City Engineer Chad Hurm recommending that the Board of Public Works and Safety concur with the decision made by the Dubois County Commissioners. Mr. Wendholt also gave an update on the total estimated cost of the Mill Street Extension project, which he stated would be \$1,910,366.

Thomas Schmidt reported that there have been some accidents and many complaints because of the curves on the Mill Street Extension and asked if the County had any solutions to the problem. Mr. Wendholt responded that the Commissioners were reviewing whether to place some chevrons or other signage along the road.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to concur with the Dubois County Commissioners in accepting the bid of \$319,502.12 from Knies Construction, Inc., for the Mill Street Extension Wetland Mitigation Plan project. **Motion** passed 3-0.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm presented a Contract for Services between the City of Jasper and Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. Boehm explained that this was the annual contract to update the Code Book for the 2004 ordinances for approximately \$5,625. She also stated that the Commission would provide the City with 25 supplements for the existing code books and 25 new larger size binders.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the Contract for Services with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to update the Code Book. **Motion** approved 3-0.

LIONS CLUB STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Bill Nordhoff, representing the Jasper Lions Club, requested permission to hold the annual Lions Club Strawberry Festival at Buehler Plaza on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5, 2005. Mr. Nordhoff stated that the Festival would be held on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but the club would like to set-up on Saturday.

During discussion, Personnel/Safety Director Charlie Schneider said that a Certificate of Insurance must be provided. Because gas grills will be used, Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang recommended that fire extinguishers be available.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, permission was given to the Jasper Lions Club to hold their annual Strawberry Festival at Buehler Plaza on Sunday, June 5, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and to set up for the festival on Saturday, June 4, 2005. **Motion** passed 3-0.

There followed some discussion about the Lions Club's shelter house at Riverside Park where ROJAC is planning the construction of Eckert Mill. Mr. Nordhoff explained that the Club is discussing plans to remove the current shelter house and possibly build a new shelter house further to the south.

DISPATCH ROOM – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented photos of the computer flooring tile in the dispatch room at the police department. He pointed out that the tiles are separating and becoming a "trip" hazard and need to be replaced. He explained that the floor is over the grid system so computer panel flooring is required to ensure easy access to the wiring and computer lines. Gunselman reported that only two vendors could supply the individual floor panels and presented the following two quotes, which include freight:

Vendor
<u>Computer Enviro-Systems</u>
100 Raised Access Flooring Panels
Total \$4,325.00

Vendor
<u>Unistrut Indianapolis</u>
100 WC5000 panels
Total \$2,950.00

During discussion, Police Chief Gunselman explained that Unistrut supplied the original panels, but would not accept responsibility for the deterioration of the tiles and Gunselman said the degreaser cleaning solution may have caused the removal of the glue. Gunselman also stated that the installation of the tiles would be done in-house.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to accept the quote for computer flooring panels for the dispatch room from Unistrut Indianapolis for \$2,950, which includes shipping. **Motion** passed 3-0.

Sexual offenders and predators. Thomas Schmidt asked if there was a list available of sex offenders in the county. Police Chief Gunselman responded that a list is available at the Sheriff's Department or at the Indiana Sheriff's Association website.

Fire Rating. Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang reported that he has heard from Insurance Services Offices, which is the company who does the rating for insurance purposes. He stated that the company would be coming to Jasper to do a field study to check the fire stations and equipment. Hochgesang said hopefully after the inspections, the City's insurance rating could possibly be lowered. By receiving a lower rating, it would mean lower insurance premiums for the community.

Derelict Homes. Thomas Schmidt asked for an update on derelict homes in the City. Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang responded that he had inspected several homes recently and that he had given the owners time to make improvements. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein reported that she had been in contact with Mr. Burgdorf and there may need to be another inspection of his home at 712 E. 12th Street.

Riverwalk Dumping. Thomas Schmidt reported that someone is dumping concrete along the Riverwalk near Jasper Chair Company. Fire Chief Hochgesang said he would check into it.

EASEMENTS

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented the following easements for acceptance and approval:

Grant of Permanent All Purpose Utility Easement

Casey W. and Libby M. Nehmer – SW Quarter of the SW quarter of S27, T1S, R5W.

Grant of Public Utility and Drainage Easement

Allan R. and Judith K. Holweger – Brentwood Subdivision Lots 24, 25 and 26.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve and accept the easements, as listed above. **Motion** passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer
Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary